

From: [Ravi Subramaniam](#)
To: KennyCrump@email.com
Cc: [Paul White](#)
Subject: RE: Samet letter
Date: 04/13/2011 03:01 PM

Kenny:

I really think it does not help to include me or Paul in the letter. (To begin with, we would need to go through upper management then.) I would even go further to suggest that the voice be in the first person singular wherever possible. This way it is clearly a note from you as an individual to Samet responding to the critique of the paper as opposed to the assessment. It is possible that he may be more open to discussion if it does not involve EPA folks.

As for the sentence asking what quantitative measure NAS had in mind: The report critiques that our modifications violated the sound constraints that Conolly had imposed on it. In the context of a BBDR model, such a comment does not make sense unless one is quantitative about the constraint. So that is what I sought to ask in the sentence I had inserted.

You may want to say "added human risk" in the sentence that talks about negative values of risk.

The clause, "Consequently, the limitations identified in the model for estimating low dose risks. . ." comes across as if the Conolly et al. paper itself identified these limitations.

I do not know if I can extend the red line in figure 2 soon. I cannot locate the original superposed figure; I did a cut and paste. I hope I have not lost the spreadsheet.

I am not so much in favor of writing to all committee members, although I am not necessarily saying that it should be addressed only to Samet. Perhaps you could include other members who you think might readily communicate directly with you (those you know). Just a thought. I don't have a strong opinion one way or another.

Ravi,

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▼ "Kenny Crump" ---04/13/2011 11:42:54 AM---Here is a revised letter. Let me know what you think. I have taken the liberty of including you a

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Date: 04/13/2011 11:42 AM
Subject: RE: Samet letter

Here is a revised letter. Let me know what you think.

I have taken the liberty of including you as authors. I hope this will be possible, but if not I can easily make the changes.

I am assuming that email will be best method of dissemination. What would you think about c.c.-ing it to all of the committee members?

I will be mostly out of pocket Thursday and Friday.

Regards,

Kenny

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: White.Paul@epamail.epa.gov
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> Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 2:22 PM
> To: Kenny Crump; Subramaniam.Ravi@epamail.epa.gov
> Subject: Re: Samet letter
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> Here are a few more wording suggestions. I'm approaching this
from the
> idea that John Samet should be approached as an individual who
would
> want to hear about these matters, avoiding stronger language
that may
> alienate him.
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> Paul
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> (See attached file: Dear John_RS_PW.docx)
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> From: Ravi Subramaniam/DC/USEPA/US
> To: Kenny Crump <KennyCrump@email.com>
> Cc: Paul White/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
> Date: 04/12/11 02:05 PM
> Subject: Samet letter
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> Kenny:
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> My suggestions attached. I added a figure. I would recommend
against the
> ending you had. I think that sentence is too strongly worded -
- it risks

> alienating Samet and lowering the chance of getting some
insight as to
what
> was the dynamics within the committee that resulted in this
report. Also,
I
> think the Committee might play itself out some more in the
media (through
> interviews and the like). Finally, it would not be implausible
if the NAS
is
> itself called upon (by some senators and the like, as has
happened before)
> to undertake its own formaldehyde assessment. So it would be
good to
> enable further communication.
> [attachment "Dear John_RS.docx" deleted by Paul
White/DC/USEPA/US]
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> P.S. Paul mentioned you had copied him on the letter, so I am
copying him
> also on this.
> (Embedded image moved to file: pic31493.gif)
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